Mr. President: The answer of the Government is that these roads are in good condition.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Have any officers of the Government visited these roads to Malayattur and Trichur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I inspected both the roads from Ernakulam to Trichur and also the road from Ernakulam to Malayattur. The roads are in very good condition.

MACHAD—THANIKUDAM ROAD

105. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the cost report of the Machad—Thanikudam road (the road connecting Talappalli and Trichur via Machad;

(*b*) was the work ever provided for in any of the Government Budgets; if so, when;

(*c*) has the work of the road connection been taken up?

Mr. V K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) The cost report prepared in 1111 comes to Rs. 31,000.

(*b*) A provision of Rs. 31,000 was made in the last Road Board programme.

(*c*) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know when the provision of Rs. 31,000 was made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I take it that it was provided on that side of six years, approximately?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The last Road Board Programme of 1112 to 1116. It was in that period that this road was first proposed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Shall I be justified, Sir, in stating that the programme was prepared in 1111. It is stated that the programme was prepared for the period 1112 to 1116. Naturally it should have been prepared at a period prior to 1112.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, what stands in the way of Government in not spending this 31,000 rupees for this road during the course of these 7 or 8 years.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* In th last Road Programme as I already informed the House, provision was made for constructing this road from Machad to Trichur. But alignment of the road passed through an area which was proposed to be made into a reservoir for storing water. So that it was thought by the Board that instead of spending the money on that road before the question of the construction of the reservoir was taken up it will be ill-advised to do so, because the road will be flooded if it was constructed before the reservoir was constructed. I may inform the House also that in the next Road Board Programme provision has been made for that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the consideration of Government of Cochin has been spent on this subject subsequent to the Budget Session of 1118?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* On which please?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* On the road being taken up, Sir. Has the mind of the Government been applied to this question subsequent to the Budget Session of 1118?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The Road Board constituted by Government have now approved of this proposal and they have made provision for the construction of this road in their report.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* My question is whether the mind of the Government of Cochin had been applied to this subject subsequent to the last day of the Budget Session in Karkadagam, *i.e.*, in August and before to-day.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, where it stands?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That is what I was telling you. The question of this road construction has been provided in the Road Board Programme for next year.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know when this work will be started?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice. It is not possible to say definitely.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Approximately, please?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Within the next three years.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will the Government be pleased to tilt it up to the first item in the programme of the Road Board?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice. I want to consult the Road Board.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether this road is not far away from the Chittur Taluk?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know when this scheme of the reservoir was considered necessary? Is it before the road was considered upon or after the road was decided upon?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Even before that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Naduthode scheme was not taken up subsequent to the alignment of the road and all the preliminaries of construction had been done?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I invite your kind attention to a question answered in the Budget Session on this identical subject and the answer given by the Hon'ble Member for Public Works?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Please look it up. I leave it at that.

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106. മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: താഴെ ചേർക്കുന്ന ചോദ്യത്തിനു മറുപടി പറയുവാൻ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ.—

൧൯൪൩-നുശേഷം ൧൯൪൨-ലെ വിദ്യാലയവർഷമുൾപ്പെടെ സംസ്ഥാനത്തിലെ എയിഡഡ് പ്രാഥമിക പാഠശാലകളിൽ നിയമിതരായിട്ടുള്ള വിദഗ്ധാദ്ധ്യാപികാദ്ധ്യാപകന്മാരുടെ എണ്ണമെത്രയാണെന്നു പറയാൻ ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനു ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ൭ ൫. (എഴുപത്തിഅഞ്ച്).

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: ഇതിൽ ഇത്രപേർക്കു സഹായധനം കൊടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

റാവു സാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ഈ സ്പെഷലിസ്റ്റിനു മുഴുവൻ സഹായധനം കൊടുത്തു തുടങ്ങീട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: ഈ ആറു കൊല്ലമായിട്ടും സഹായധനം കൊടുക്കാത്തതു കൊണ്ട് ആ വിഷയങ്ങൾ ആ വിദ്യാലയങ്ങളിൽ പഠിപ്പിക്കാതാകയില്ലയൊ?

റാവു സാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: പഠനമില്ലാതെയും വന്നേക്കാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: അവർ പഠിപ്പിക്കേണ്ട വിഷയങ്ങൾ പഠിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളണമെന്നു നിയമമില്ലെ?

റാവുസാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: പഠിപ്പിച്ചേ കഴിയൂ എന്നു നിയമമില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: ഈ വിഷയം പഠിപ്പിക്കാത്ത സ്കൂളിന്റെ അടുത്തുള്ള സ്കൂളിൽ ഇതു പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ഇതു പഠിക്കണമെന്നുള്ള കുട്ടികൾ അങ്ങോട്ടു പോകുമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനറിയാമൊ?

റാവു സാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: ഒരുപക്ഷെ പോയേക്കാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: അങ്ങിനെ വന്നാൽ ആ വിദ്യാലയങ്ങളുടെ ഗ്രാന്റു കുറഞ്ഞുമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെണ്ടിനറിയാമൊ?

റാവു സാഹിബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: അറിയാം.

മിസ്റ്റർ സി. കെ. നായർ: അങ്ങിനെ വരുമ്പോൾ വിദ്യാലയംകൊണ്ട് പ്രയോജനമില്ലാതെ വരുകയില്ലെ?

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